

HB 1926 -- Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats

Sponsor: Low

This bill prohibits releasing agencies from selling, trading, giving away, exchanging, releasing, adopting out, or transferring any dog or cat that has not been spayed or neutered with certain specified exceptions. Any person adopting a dog or cat must pay the releasing agency a conditionally refundable fee of at least \$50. Upon written verification that the adopted animal has been spayed or neutered or reasonable proof that the animal has died, is lost, has been stolen, or has been returned to the agency, the fee will be refunded. Unclaimed fees are to be used solely to:

- (1) Educate the public on the necessity of spaying or neutering pets;
- (2) Fund the agency's spaying or neutering program;
- (3) Fund a follow-up program to assure adopted dogs and cats are spayed or neutered; and
- (4) Defray the costs associated with the agency's compliance with the spaying or neutering requirements.

Adoption, refund, and notification requirements are specified in the bill.